

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who provide high quality anesthesia care to citizens and were the first anesthesia providers in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling healthcare facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, pain management, and trauma stabilization services; and,

*Whereas*, CRNAs are the sole providers of anesthesia care in nearly all of South Dakota's rural hospitals; and,

*Whereas*, CRNAs are recognized by managed care plans for providing high-quality anesthesia care with reduced expense to patients and insurance companies. The cost-efficiency of CRNAs helps to control escalating healthcare costs; and,

*Whereas*, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists; and the U. S. Military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities; and,

*Whereas*, CRNAs practice with a high degree of autonomy and professional respect and carry a heavy load of responsibility:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2014, as

## *NURSE ANESTHETIST WEEK*

in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Patricia K. Miller Deputy*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State